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Ratisbonne, March 10.

MOnsieur *Verjus*, the French Minister, has presented a Memorial to the States of the Empire Assembled here, in which he tells them, That the King his Master desired nothing more than to continue in Peace and Friendship with the Empire; That in order thereunto he Commanded his Ambassadors upon their first arrival at *Francfort*, to Declare, That his Majesty upon the departure of his said Ambassadors for those Conferences, had given Orders to the Sovereign Chambers of *Brisac* and *Metz*, not to proceed any farther in the matter of Dependencies. That his Majesty to manifest his desires of Peace, was willing to quit all the pretensions which he had, by virtue of the Treaties of *Westphalia* and *Nimeguen*, upon any Lands or Places in the Empire; upon condition, he was left in the quiet enjoyment of what he was possessed of at the time of the departure of his said Ambassadors, the City of *Strasbourg* being comprehended therein. And Lastly, That his Majesty was willing to demolish *Fribourg*, and to restore it to the Emperor; upon condition, the Emperor did likewise demolish *Philipsburg*, and restore it to the Bishop of *Spire*: This Memorial was read in the Dyet the 5th Instant, but being a matter of great moment, the several Deputies desired time to communicate the same to the Princes their Masters, and to receive their Instructions thereupon. And without all doubt, this Memorial will occasion very serious Debates in the Dyet.

Strasbourg, March 13. The Batallion of *Enguyen* marched from hence on Monday last for *Metz*; and that of *Navarre* is to follow, in order to their joyning the Troops which the French are drawing together on the *Moselle*; what their design is, we cannot Learn.

Hamburgh, March 13. There is a great contest between the Duke of *Saxe Lawenburg*, and the City of *Lubeck*, concerning a small Fort which the first was about Building near that City; and which the Magistrates of *Lubeck* sent a party of Soldiers to demolish, and they have chosen the Duke of *Lunenburg Zell*, to be the Mediator for the composing this dispute. It is said that a Defensive Allyance is concluded between the King of *Sweden*, and the Dukes of *Lunenburg*.

Brussels, March 24. On Wednesday last 200 Irish Recruits Landed at *Ostend*, and the same day we received the bad news that the Vessels that were bound thither with between three and 400 Italians, were cast away in the *Channel*. Monsieur *Agurto* is made Maistre *de* Camp General; and the Duke of *Holstein*, and the Marquis *de Bedmar* are in competition for his Command of General of the Artillery. We have an Account of the Marquis *de Grana*'s arrival in *England*, so that we are now every hour expecting him on this side. In the mean time all publick Affairs are here very much at a stand.

Hague, March 24. The States of *Holland* have had long and serious Consultations concerning the present Affairs: on Saturday last, after having been several hours together, the Deputies of some of the nearest Towns went home to consult their Principals, and returnrd this Morning, when the Debate of those Matters was again resumed; In the mean time the disposition here seems to be to forbear making any steps that may bring on a new War, and to endeavour an amicable composure of the differences between the two Crowns. From *Francfort* they write, that all the Preliminary Points were adjusted, so that it was expected the Conferences would now very quickly be opened.

Hague, March 27. The States General have, as we are informed, answered to the Memorial of the Spanish Envoye, *Don Balthasar de Zuen Mayor*, that they will give his Catholick Majesty the assistance of 8000 Men; but that they think, pursuant to the Treaty between His Majesty and this State, endeavours ought first to be used amicably, to determine by Conferences the Matters in difference; That they will do what in them lies to induce the most Christian King to Grant, during the said Conferences, a liberty of supplying the City of *Luxemburg* with Provisions and other Necessaries; and that in case the said King shall refuse to enter in o such Conferences, or that they shall be unsuccessful, the States Declare, they will without delay, give the King of *Spain* the said assistance of 8000 Men

And to the Memorial of the French Ambassador, the States have answered, That they desired nothing more sincerely then to Preserve the Peace of *Europe*; and that it will be a great trouble to them to see it again disturbed; That they will use their utmost Endeavours to perswade the King of *Spain* to enter into Conferences, in order to an amicable composure of the differences between the two Crowns. But seeing the repose of Christendom cannot be obtained as long as there remain on foot differences between the Emperor and some Princes of the Empire, and his most Christian Majesty; they desire the Conferences may be general; and Declare, they will employ their utmost Endeavours joyntly with the King of *England*, for the composing the said differences. And Lastly, they pray the said most Christian King, to Grant during the said Conferences, a liberty of transporting Provisions, and other necessaries to *Luxemburg*.

Paris, March 25. The King has writ a Letter to the Mareschal *de Crequi*, wherein he Declares, That having received Advice from *Constantinople*, that the Grand Signior was preparing to enter in Person at the head of a great Army into *Hungary*: he had taken thereupon a Resolution to remove the Bloquade of *Luxemburg*, that he might not divert the

the Forces of the Empire, but leave them entirely at liberty, to act againſt the Common Enemy of Chriſtendom; and accordingly Commands him to withdraw his Troops from before *Luxemburg*, and to leave that Town free to Trade, and to be ſupplyed with Proviſions and all Neceſſaries. And we are farther told, that His Majeſty has Declared that he will refer the differences between him and the King of *Spain*, to the Arbitrage of his Majeſty of *Great Brittain*.

Newmarket, March 16. The following Addreſs being ſent up to the Right Honourable the Earl of *Aylesbury*, Lord-Lieutenant of the County, with a Requeſt to preſent it to His Majeſty; his Lordſhip accordingly this day waited upon His Majeſty with it;

This day likewiſe ſeveral Juſtices of the Peace, and Gentlemen of the Grand Jury for the County of *Huntingdon*, preſented an Humble Addreſs to His Majeſty, being Introduced by the Right Honourable the Earl of *Ailsbury*, Lord-Lieutenant of the County.

Newmarket, March 17. This day an Humble Addreſs from the County of *Eſſex* was preſented to His Majeſty, by ſeveral Gentlemen of that County, being Introduced by his Grace the Duke of *Albemarle*.

Several other Addreſſes, *viz.* from the County of *Bedford*, from the Town of *Cambridge*, From *Lyn-Regis*, from *Eye*, and from *New-Woodſtock*, have been likewiſe preſented to His Majeſty.

They were all very Graciouſly received by His Majeſty, who was well pleaſed to ſee the Countreys thus zealous to expreſs their Loyalty and dutiful Affection to His Majeſties Perſon, and the eſtabliſhed Government.

To the Kings Moſt Excellent Majeſty.

The humble Addreſs of the Grand-Jury *at the* Aſſizes *holden at* Aiſbury, *for the County of* Bucks *the ſixth day of* March, *in the* 34*th Year of your Reign*

Moſt Gracious Sovereign,

THis our moſt humble and moſt Dutiful Addreſs from the Body of your County (which we in this our Station repreſent) ſeems in our Eyes too late, to deſerve your beſt Acceptance; when opportunity was wanting to us, we beheld with joy them before us in bounden Duty at your Feet; the Honour due to them we ſhall not abate through Envy, but joyn them Heart and Hand to your Service. In humble Teſtimony whereof, we deſire to expreſs to Your Majeſty that infinite Satisfaction we received from Your Majeſties late Declaration, and wherein it is not poſſible, any Man of Honeſty or Loyalty can reſt unſatisfied. Your Majeſties Happy Reſtauration gave us Re-poſſeſſion of all thoſe things you were graciouſly pleaſed to promiſe then, when we were loſt and undone (by ſuch a perfidious ſort of Men as are yet ſtriving) and you have kept them to us ſo inviolably, as if your Word were (as it is) Sacred: And may he Periſh from off the Earth, that believes not ſuch a Prince as you are, who have ſo graciouſly pleaſed to affix this Declaration, as the Label or Index of your Life paſt, and freſh aſſurance of our Happineſs for the time to come. Your Majeſties Reſolutions to ſuppreſs Popery, to have frequent uſe of Parliaments, to govern by the known Laws, and not to ſuffer an Arbitrary Power in any, are things ſo great and endearing, no people can expreſs their due ſenſe of. In the Reverence and due execution of Your Laws, doth your ſafety and ours conſiſt; and ſince by Your Royal Command, a plain and full Evidence, given in Court, is now known to the World, of an Aſſociation (intended by ſome (outveying, if it were poſſible, all the Antichriſtian Practices of *Rome*) we declare our Deteſtation of it. A Seed of *Rome* and *Geneva* (begotten by the Jeſuits creeping into Conventicles) have done this; Diſſenters they may be, Proteſtants they are not, but in Cloak and Maſquerade. The miſtakes that Forreign Princes may make hereupon, to the damage of true and Loyal Proteſtants, is dreadful; but Your Majeſty is as the Angel of God, to diſcern between this Handful of Miſcreant Wretches, and the Body of your true Proteſtant Subjects. We are old Proteſtants, of Loyal Stamp, and as ſuch, will to the utmoſt of our Lives and Fortunes ſtand by Your Majeſty, and Your Lawful Succeſſors, as both Natural, Divine, and Civil Sanction hath made it our Duty, againſt all Popiſh Conſpiracies, or other horrid ſly attempts of any other Parties whatſoever, againſt your Perſon or Government. God continue long Your Majeſties Life and Reign, and give you that Comfort you ſo highly deſerve, in the Obedience, Union, Aides, and Affections of your People, and Crown you at laſt with an Eternal Reward in Heaven.

At the Aſſizes, and general Goal-delivery, holden for Your Majeſties County of *Huntingdon*, the Eleventh day of *March*, in the Four and thirtieth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord King *Charles* the Second, of *England*, *Scotland*, *France* and *Ireland*, KING, Defender of the Faith, *&c. Anno Dom.* 1681.

Dread Sovereign,

WE *the Grand Jury Sworn to enquire for Your Majeſty, and the Body of this County of* Huntingdon, *having the Honor to ſerve Your Majeſty, and our County in this publick Employment, do think it our Duty ſat this time, for our Selves and the County, whom we repreſent, in all humble manner, to give Your Majeſty our renewed Thanks, for the many repeated Inſtances of Your Majeſties moſt Wiſe and Gracious Government, in preſerving us from all Arbitrary and Tyrannical Uſurpations, both in Church and State; and more particularly for the timely diſcovery of that pernicious and Traiterous* Aſſociation, *produced at the late proceedings againſt the Earl of* Shaftesbury *at the* Old-Bailey. *And we do hereby Declare our utter* Abhorrence *of the ſame, as being ſuch, which under the old and ſpecious pretence of defending Your Majeſties Perſon, was without doubt, deſigned by the wicked Contrivers thereof, to deſtroy Your Majeſty, and ſubvert that glorious and unparalell'd Government, both in Church and State, which by Your Majeſties great Wiſdom and Clemency, we and all Your Subjects do now enjoy. And we do moſt humbly aſſure Your Majeſty, that (as in Duty and Allegiance bound) we ſhall ever be ready to ſacrifice our Lives and Fortunes in the Defence and Preſervation of Your Majeſties Royal Perſon, Your Heirs and Lawful Succeſſors, and the Government, as now eſtabliſhed in Church and State, againſt all ſuch Rebellious and Tyrannical* Aſſociators, *and other diſturbers of Your Majeſties Peace and Government.*

We Your Majeſties Juſtices of the Peace for Your County of *Huntingdon*, having peruſed this Humble Addreſs, and Abhorrence of our Grand Inqueſt at this preſent Aſſizes, do moſt unanimouſly and heartily concur in every particular thereof; and do humbly beſeech Your Majeſty to accept the ſame, with all poſſible Aſſurances of Duty and Allegiance from

Your Majeſties moſt Dutiful
And Obedient Subjects.

To the Kings moſt Excellent Majeſty.

The humble Addreſs of the Grand Inqueſt for the County of Eſſex, *at the Aſſizes holden at* Chelmsford, *the* 6*th Day of* March, 1681

WE Your Majeſties moſt Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Grand Jury for the ſaid County, do moſt humbly and thankfully

thankfully Acknowledg, That ſince Your Majeſties moſt happy Reſtauration, we have enjoyed under Your Majeſties Protection (and moſt juſt and merciful Adminiſtration of the Laws) all the Bleſſings and Security, both in our Religion, Perſons, and Eſtates, that the moſt happy Subjects could deſire, or the moſt Gracious Prince could grant. Notwithſtanding which great Juſtice and Moderation of Your Majeſty, it is manifeſt that many wicked Men, who formerly reaped the benefit of Your Majeſties general Pardon (both for their forfeited Lives and Eſtates) have moſt induſtriouſly made it their Buſineſs, maliciouſly and falſly to Inſinuate into Your Majeſties good Subjects, that there were Deſigns in thoſe Perſons, whoſe Council and Advice Your Majeſty was pleaſed to make uſe of, to introduce Popery and Arbitrary Government; And when by thoſe Arts they had raiſed great Jealouſies in many of Your Majeſties Subjects, then under pretence of Excluding Your Majeſties Lawful Succeſſors from the Crown, and ſecuring their Religion and Property, they did frame and contrive among themſelves, a Project for an *Aſſociation*, a Copy (if not the Original) whereof was found in the Cloſet of the Earl of *Shaftsbury*, as appears by the Proceedings at the *Old Baily* againſt the ſaid Earl of *Shaftsbury*, Printed by Your Majeſties ſpecial Command; which we have read with great Horror and Deteſtation, the ſame being a Vilinous and Traiterous Deſign, under ſpecious Colours, to Ruine and Deſtroy Your Majeſties ſacred Perſon and Government, by giving our Fellow Subjects encouragements to raiſe Arms without Your Majeſties Command, and to imploy them as they ſhould direct (contrary to the known Laws of the Land) and for the Deſtruction of Your Majeſties Obedient and Loyal Subjects, that ſhould not joyn with them. We therefore, moſt Gracious Soveraige, thought it at this time a moſt neceſſary and incumbent Duty upon us, to aſſure Your Majeſty, that as we do from our Souls, deteſt and abominate that wicked Conſpiracy and intended Rebellion, ſo we will with our Lives and Fortunes, to the utmoſt Extreamity, oppoſe all Perſons who ſhall endeavour to put in Execution, that, or any other *Aſſociation*, in prejudice of Your Majeſties Prerogative, Peace, and Government, or to Raiſe, or Arm Forces, without Your Majeſties Perſonal, or Expreſs Command, upon any pretence whatſoever. And this we moſt humbly Beg of Your Majeſty to believe, is the true, real, and ſteady Reſolutions of Your moſt Dutiful Subjects, who ſhall always Pray for Your Majeſties moſt long and happy Reign over us.

To which we humbly deſire the Concurrence of this Honourable Bench.

We the Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid County, do unanimouſly Concur with the Grand Inqueſt, in this humble Addreſs.

The humble Addreſs of the Lord Lieutenant, Deputy Lieutenants, Juſtices of the Peace, and Grand Jury for the ſaid County, at the Aſſizes held at the Caſtle of Cambridg *for the ſaid County, the* 4th *of* March, Anno Regis Caroli Secundi xxxiv.

Dread Sovereign,

THe diſmal effects of Leagues and Aſſociations, promoted without, or againſt the Authority of Your Majeſties Royal Father, of ever bleſſed Memory, ſhould have unmoveably fixed the Engliſh Loyalty, and made the thoughts of the like Attempts always Dreadful and Abominable.

But as if the ſucceſſes of paſt Times, were lawful preſidents for future Villanies, a Paper found in the Earl of *Shaftsbury*'s Cloſet, and read laſt *November* at the *Old Baily*, diſcovered the frame of as wicked, but more bold Aſſociation, than the former; which though it ſeems grounded upon the danger of Popery, and guided with the ſpecious Titles of being Loyal, Pious, Juſt, and Righteous; Deſigns nothing leſs than the Subverſion of Your Majeſties Government, the true Reformed Religion, our Laws, Liberties, and Properties. And though none of Your Royal Anceſtors have Governed more Graciouſly, and according to Law (if they will excuſe the not Executing the Severities thereof) the malicious ſuggeſtions of Encroachments of Arbitrary Power, the pretended Care of Priviledges of Parliament, the inveſting a Soveraign abſolute Power in the two Houſes, or major part of the Members ſubſcribing that *Aſſociation*, though the Parliament be Prorogued, or Diſſolved, the ingaging obedience to Officers of their Appointment; and laſtly, the Promiſes to purſue to Deſtruction, all, who upon any Title whatever, ſhould oppoſe that wicked Society, are ſufficient Proofs to convince us of a Deſign to ſtrip Your Sacred Perſon of Your Kingly Dignity, and to put a Period to this Hereditary Monarchy, by Inherent Birthright; and Lawful and Undoubted Succeſſion deſcended upon, and inveſted in Your Majeſties Royal Perſon and Family, and to deſtroy all that dare be Loyal, and oppoſe ſuch wretched and Traiterous Deſigns. We do not preſume to preſcribe Means for the Preſervation of Your Majeſties Perſon and Government, which we moſt heartily pray may ever continue in the Care of Divine Providence: But we cannot without grief of Heart, conſider the Practices of ſome reſtleſs ill-minded Perſons, who pretending Religion, forget the Principles and Duty thereof, which this Reformed Church by Law Eſtabliſh'd always maintained, hatching in oppoſition to Popery and Faction, the Primitive and Chriſtian Doctrine of Loyalty and Obedience to Your Majeſties Royal Authority; though we think our ſelves bound by Your Majeſties Laws, as well as our Religion, not only to avoid entring into, but to hate and abhor, and to declare our Hatred and Abhorrence of the forementioned Traiterous Aſſociation. Moſt ſolemnly promiſing with our Lives and Fortunes, to Aſſiſt and Defend Your Majeſties Sacred Perſon, Crown and Dignity, in the Lawful Lineal Deſcent againſt all Confederacies, Bonds, and Aſſociations, whatever Deſigned, or Impoſed without Your Royal Aſſent and Authority.

The following Declaration of the Grand Jury for the County-Palatine of *Durham*, has been Preſented to His Majeſty.

To the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty.

The Anti-Aſſociation.

From the General Quarter-Seſſions of the Peace held at *Durham* by Adjournment the 9th of *February*, 1681.

Moſt Gracious Sovereign,

WE Your Majeſties moſt Obedient, and Loyal Subjects, the Grand-Jury *Sworn &c. for the County Palatine of* Durham, *do with all Humble, and Dutiful Affections, acknowledge that the ſecurity of our Lives, Liberties, and Properties, which at preſent we enjoy, and are bleſſed with, are, under God, the ſole Effects of Your Majeſties moſt Gracious and Wiſe Government, who timely foreſaw, and ſeaſonably prevented thoſe extream Miſeries, wherein the late Scheme of Rebellion would otherwiſe have probably involv'd us. It is to your Sacred Majeſty we owe our Exemption from the Oppreſſion, which even ſome of our fellow-Subjects ambitiouſly, and moſt illegally would have exerciſed upon us. That the Factious contrivances of Seditious Petitions, Tumults, pack'd Juries, diſaffected Common-Councils, and the diabolical Model of a Rebellious* Aſſociation, *have not receiv'd their deſign'd Event, to the utter extirpation of our Laws, and ſubverſion of this antient Monarchy; we muſt attribute wholly to your Majeſties conſtant and ſteady Reſolution to Govern your Subjects according to the Laws; the due and impartial execution whereof, may prove the choiceſt expedient to ſetle the differences amongſt your Majeſties Subjects, who have been ſeduced from their Allegiance by falſe Inſinuations, which ill Men have made uſe of for enſnaring the moſt ſimple multitude. With all poſſible Abhorrence and Diſlike, we do Deteſt and Abominate that Impious and Helliſh Deſign of the late accurſed* Aſſociation, *and the damnable Principles of the Contrivers of, and conſenters to it: In good aſſurance that your Majeſty will never hereafter believe, much leſs relye upon the ſpecious pretences, or promiſes of any Perſon concern'd in that black Conſpiracy. And that we may not only verbally expreſs our Loyalty, we do as in Duty and Allegiance bound give this aſſurance, That our Lives and Fortunes ſhall be ready, and that we will contribute Money to our uttermoſt Abilities, whenever your Majeſties occaſions ſhall require, for the preſervation of your Majeſties Sacred Perſon, and Government, your Excellent Religion, as it is now eſtabliſhed by Law.*

To